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## THOMAS J. SMITH DEAD

Prominent Attorney Victim of Pneumonia.

Thomas J. Smith, one of the most prominent attorneys of southwest Missouri, died at his home just east of this city Wednesday morning at 2:30 o'clock as the result of an attack of pneumonia.

Mr. Smith had been confined to his home for the past ten days with the grippe and on Tuesday evening his condition seemed to be improved. A little after two o'clock Wednesday morning he asked for a drink of water which was given him. A few minutes afterward he passed away. Both Mrs. Smith and his daughter, Mrs. Chastain, were with him at the time of his death and had been in constant, unremitting attendance upon him throughout his illness.

For several years Mr. Smith had not been physically strong, and during the past six months the extraordinarily heavy volume of practice which had fallen onto his shoulders when his son-in-law and partner in the law firm, Lieut. D. C. Chastain, was ordered to France, taxed his strength severely; and although both friends and family urged a less confining attention to his practice, he continued in the conscientious devotion to his profession which has always characterized him and which had gained for him the reputation as being among the most successful and the most conscientious of the bar in the state.

His son, Gardner Smith, who is serving in the Coast Artillery at Ft. McKinley, Portland, Maine, was immediately notified by wire of the death of his father and has been given leave of absence. Funeral arrangements have not been made and will depend upon when he can reach home.

Mrs. Robt. McGraw, a daughter, whose home is in Fayette, arrived Wednesday.

Thomas Jefferson Smith was born in Edmonson county, Kentucky, March 24, 1849, and received his education in the public schools of that county, and the college at Glasgow, Kentucky. Upon reaching his majority he taught school for a short time and later accepted the appointment of deputy county clerk for his home county, in which capacity he served for two years and was later appointed county clerk, serving one year. During that time he devoted his spare moments to the study of law and was admitted to the bar in Kentucky where he engaged in the practice until 1879 when he came to Missouri, locating in this city where he has since continuously engaged in the practice.

Walter Stevens' "History of Missouri" says of him: "The years have brought him prestige and prosperity. He has been connected with much important litigation before the local and higher courts and has proven himself a highly efficient lawyer. He is at present attorney for the Missouri State Bank and the Walton Trust Company and is also representing other interests of equal importance. Mr. Smith is an extensive landowner in Bates county."

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Allin, the daughter of Dr. H. C. and Naomi Allin on January 24, 1882, and to this union were born six children, three of whom, Naomi T., the wife of Robert McGraw of Fayette, Mo.; Anna Day, the wife of Lieut. DeWitt C. Chastain, and Gardner Smith of the Coast Artillery branch of the U. S. Army, survive.

Thomas J. Smith was a man of high ideals and strong moral character. A public spirited citizen, his forceful strength made him a power for good in the community and he contributed much to the progress of the county and his home city. He was a gentleman of marked ability and took high rank in his profession. He was a member of the First Baptist church and devoted much time to the church and to the Bates County Sunday School Association. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

## Harvey Cone Again Arrested.

Harvey Cone, of Rich Hill, one of the contingent of Bates county soldiers sent to the army and from which he has deserted once or twice, was captured Sunday at Pittsburg, Kansas, and placed in jail to await the arrival of an army officer, according to a message received by Sheriff Baker. The capture of Cone was made possible through the efforts of Sheriff Baker.

Cone was sent to Camp Funston last summer and later transferred to Camp Doniphan, from where he deserted. He was captured by Marshal Bankson at Rich Hill about a month later and he was taken back to Camp Doniphan and he again deserted in January this year. Uncle Sam is very patient, but one of these days he will show Mr. Cone just how hard he can be on a so-called soldier who deserts the colors in war time.

## Miss Julia Deacon Dead.

Miss Julia D. Deacon died Monday afternoon at 4:30 at the family home on West Ft. Scott street, in this city, after an illness of many months. While she had been in bad health for a long time her death came as a shock to her family and friends who did not realize the seriousness of her condition. Monday morning she was found unconscious in her bed and despite the efforts of family and physicians she died that afternoon without regaining consciousness.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Deacon and was born in Fondulac, Wisconsin, February 7, 1866. About 35 years ago she came with her parents to this city, where she has since resided. Four brothers, Robert R. Deacon, D. O. Deacon, A. G. Deacon and Harry Deacon, survive.

Funeral services, conducted by Rev. George Scroggs, of the Presbyterian church, were held at the home Tuesday afternoon and interment made in Oak Hill cemetery.

She was a quiet, home-loving woman and except for her church, of which she had been a consistent member for many years, she took little interest in the social life of the city. She will long be remembered by her friends for her little acts of kindness, which were always performed in her quiet, unobtrusive manner.

## —And Still Going.

The Boy Scouts started in to "glean after the reapers" Saturday by taking subscriptions for Liberty Loan Bonds and proved that they were more than

mere boys by closing the day's campaign with forty applications totaling \$3700.00 to their credit. Monday's efforts totaled eleven applications for \$950, and Tuesday ten applications for \$1050, making a total for the first three days, \$5700.00. The campaign will continue until Saturday, May 4th, inclusive. Every Scout that secures ten applications is entitled to a war medal. During the second Liberty Loan drive, six scouts won medals and these are working for a bar to add to their medal, which is the same as a medal.

It must be remembered that these scouts are working a town that had already been thoroughly canvassed.

## Local Stockholders in Oil Well Get Good News.

The Butler stockholders of the Red Arrow Oil & Gas Company received notice Wednesday morning from the president of the company, W. J. Bullock, at Nowata, Oklahoma, that the company had brought in a good well on their lease the day before. There is considerable stock of the company in this city and the holders are anxiously waiting for more good news.

## Church Program Postponed.

On account of bad weather the Missionary Program at New Hope has been postponed until a later date. There will be services, however, next Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night, also preaching at Cornland Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

L. W. Keele.

## FOE FAILS TO BREAK ALLIED LINE AT YPRES

Bodies on Battle Field of Flanders Indicate Terrible Price Enemy Has Paid for Small Gains.

Again there has come a pause in the battle of Flanders, where the ground everywhere is covered with the gray-clad bodies of German dead, and the British and French are holding securely to all their positions.

From Saturday until well into Monday night, General von Arnim's forces continued their efforts to break the British lines on the Ypres salient and to press back the British and French from the high ground to the southwest, but everywhere their efforts were fruitless. True, they gained their objective and again captured Loere, but a counter-thrust forced them out again and at last accounts the French were holding the village.

In the hilly region just to the north of Loere the British also pushed back the enemy attacks at several points, notably between Kemmel and La Clytte.

Much of the snap of the German attacking forces has been absent from the maneuvers they have been carrying out in Flanders against the stiffened line of the entente troops. This has been apparent since last Sunday.

To the south near Amiens and to the east around Noyon the enemy likewise has failed in all his attempts to push further forward. The British east of Villers-Bretonneux, which lies directly east of Amiens, have advanced their front and in the Noyon sector the French have re-established

their lines which the Germans previously had captured from them.

The Germans on various sectors of the line are still hurling tons of steel against the British and French positions but the allied guns are everywhere answering them in kind. While the present halt in the battle possibly may indicate the near approach of the throwing into the fray of the great army which General Foch has gathered, that such is the intention of the supreme commander of the allied forces has not become apparent. It is not improbable, however, that a meeting of the inter-allied war council in Paris Wednesday, which will be attended by the American, French, British and Italian representatives, matters having in view the turning in the tide of the battle will be uppermost in the discussion.

## Announcement.

The Record subscription list, good will and franchises, have been sold to R. D. Allen, of The Butler Weekly Times, the present publisher and editor retiring. Arrangements have been made to fill out all paid-in-advance subscriptions with the Weekly Times.

It is with some regret that we see the historic old Record close its faithful career of 52 years. As a business proposition we have sold it for a fair price. We have sent out a good newspaper for just a little over three years and we step aside with the kindest feelings toward all our readers, patrons and the fraternity.

W. O. ATKESON.

—From The Bates County Record.

## J. C. CLARK DEAD.

Prominent Citizen Passes Away While Visiting His Old Home at Otterville, Missouri.

J. C. Clark, one of Bates county's oldest and most prominent citizens, died at Otterville, Missouri at 9:20 o'clock Saturday night, April 27, 1918. At the time of his death, Mr. Clark was visiting relatives at Otterville.

James Cyrus Clark was born in Christian county, Kentucky, February 28, 1843. When quite young he moved with his parents to southern Illinois and later to Missouri. They located at Otterville, in Cooper county, where he was united in marriage to Miss Melissa Myers in November 1868 and had he lived until next November they would have been married fifty years. Two sons, Harvey C. and Claude L., both of whom were at the bedside of their father when he passed away, were born of this marriage. In 1871 they moved to this county where in 1876 he was elected sheriff of the county by an overwhelming majority and so well did he discharge the duties of his office that at the conclusion of his term, he was re-elected by an increased majority.

While serving the second term, he was appointed county collector. When this term expired he was offered and accepted the position of cashier of the Bates County National bank, which position he held until 1906, when he retired from active life. A few years ago his health began to fail and about a month ago it was thought that a visit to the scenes of his young manhood might be of benefit to him, so he and Mrs. Clark went to his old home at Otterville, where they have since been visiting at the home of a niece and other relatives. He contracted erysipelas and on account of his advanced age and weakened condition he was unable to fight it off and passed away Saturday night.

When he was 26 years old he joined the Masonic lodge at Otterville and Monday afternoon the beautiful Masonic burial service was conducted over his grave in the old cemetery at Otterville, Wesley Denton, of the Butler lodge, acting as Master.

Besides his wife, he is survived by two sons, H. C. Clark, adjutant general of the Missouri National Guard, and Claude L. Clark, acting insurance commissioner of the state; one brother, Manford Clark, of Kansas City, and two sisters, Mrs. T. J. Day and Mrs. Lillius Emerson of Butler.

An old history of Bates county says that J. C. Clark was perhaps personally acquainted with more people in Bates county than any other man. He was not merely personally acquainted with them but a large majority of them were his personal friends. In politics he was a life long Democrat and always wielded a great influence in the councils of his party. He was a loyal friend, a loving and devoted husband and father and many hearts were saddened in Bates county by the news of his passing away.

## Bristow Again Stopped From Speaking in Kansas.

Salina, Kas., April 26.—Joseph L. Bristow, Republican candidate for United States senator, still is striking obstacles in his speaking campaign.

When he arrived in Colby to make a speech he found the town placarded with posters, which said:

"Patriotic Americans, do not attend the Bristow meeting tonight."

Owners of halls refused to let him use them and he finally made an address to a small audience in a restaurant. The former senator said he was not going to quit, but on the other hand, hopes to speak in virtually every county in the state during the campaign.

Opposition to Bristow grew out of his frequent charges last year that the war administration was wasting money and playing into the hands of the profiteers, instead of prosecuting the war in a loyal, patriotic way.

## Mrs. I. O. Staley, of Amoret, Dead.

Mrs. I. O. Staley, of Amoret, sister of Mrs. G. W. Rhea, died at St. Mary's Hospital in Kansas City Monday at 15 minutes past noon. She was taken to the hospital Friday where she underwent an operation. She was 36 years of age and the mother of six children. She has had charge of the Farmers Telephone Co. central office at Amoret for about two years, and held the same position with the Cleveland Telephone Co., for over five years.—Drexel Star.

## Chicks by Mail.

The first consignment of baby chickens, which were made mailable matter under a recent ruling of the postoffice department, were received at the Butler office Tuesday. There were about two dozen of the little fellows and they seemed as happy and contented as though they were following their mother through the chicken yard.

# Attractive Values in Our Ladies Ready-to-wear Department

DURING 1st WEEK IN MAY

20 SAMPLE SUITS, TAN, GREY, SHEPARD CHECKS AND NAVY, SPECIAL

\$16.85

5 SAMPLE SUITS, TAN AND GREY SERGE, SPECIAL

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15 LADIES SAMPLE COATS, ASSORTED SHADES SPECIAL

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1 LOT SILK DRESSES, TAFFETA AND MESSALINE SPECIAL

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100 WHITE GABARDINE WASH SKIRTS, SPECIAL

\$1.75

25 TAFFETA SILK FLOUNCE, AND ZENOBIA SATIN PETTICOATS, SPECIAL

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100 BUNGALOW GINGHAM APRONS, PLAIN AND ASSORTED CHECKS, SPECIAL

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38-inch White and Ecru Curtain Marquisette 35c

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